(a) the number of proposals for upgradation of roads submitted by the State Government of Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the details of roads upgraded upto December 2008;

(c) the total expenditure incurred during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) by when the remaining roads are likely to be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) 109 proposals amounting to Rs. 487.05 crore from the State Government of Maharashtra for up-gradation of National Highways have been receive and sanctioned during the last three years.

(b) 28 No. of works amounting to Rs. 106.677 crore have been completed during the current year for up-gradation of National Highways No. 6, 9, 17, 50, 69, 211 and 222 in the State of Maharashtra. Apart from this 17 No. of four lining projects have been completed covering National Highways No. 4, 4B, 8, 7 and 50 under various phases of NHDP under taken by NHAI in the State of Maharashtra.

(c) The details of expenditure during the last three years are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Head	Expenditure during 2007-08	Expenditure during 2006-07	Expenditure during 2005-06
1.	NH(O) Ministry	133.79	148.75	112.00
2.	NHAI (Project Expenditure)	2149.90	1064.17	373.63

(d) The up-gradation of National Highways is an ongoing process and the works are sanctioned as per the Annual Plan and likely to be completed as per their schedule.

Inter-State connectivity

1133. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals of Rajasthan State under the scheme of inter- State connectivity are pending with Government;

(b) if so, since when they are pending; and

(c) by when they are proposed to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Seven proposals for inclusion under the scheme of inter-State connectivity were received from the State Government in January, 2009. These are being examined alongwith similar proposals received from other States keeping in view the availability of funds.